[English]

Stadia under SAI

2396. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Sports Authority of India has thrown open its stadia for seminars, conferences, fashion shows and marriage functions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons and justification for leasing out them for private functions;

(d) the income so far earned by the Sports Authority of India as a result thereof; and

(e) whether Government propose to review the said decision of the Sports Authority of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI R. DHANUSHKODI ATHITHAN) : (a) to (c) All the stadia are primarily used for sports activities. However, in view of the resource crunch being faced by the Sports Authority of India, non-sports activities viz. art, culture and other social activities have been allowed in a very limited way in Indira Gandhi Stadium, Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium and Talkatora Swimming Pool Complex on a case to case basis. These activities are, however, not allowed to come at all in the way of the normal sports-related activities.

Sports Authority of India (SAI) has to generate funds to meet the expenditure on maintenance of the stadia. One of the major sources of generating funds is allowing use of the stadia for non-sports activities.

(d) During the years 1995-96 and 1996-97, a sum of Rs. 68.20 lakhs and Rs. 91.07 lakhs respectively were generated from such activites.

(e) No, Sir.

Funds for Local Purchase in CGHS Unani Store

2397. SHRI AMAR ROY PRADHAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the total funds allotted for local purchase, which is available with the CGHS Unani store Incharge, New Delhi;

(b) whether this amount is not sufficient for CGHS beneficiaries who are to wait for months together for their medicines;

(c) if so, the reasons for not increasing the amount for local purchase; and

(d) the number of cases where local purchase indents could not be supplied to the dispensary/unit concerned even within the period of a fortnight month during the last three years, till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) to (c) No separate funds are earmarked for local purchase of Unani medicines, an indent is placed on the CGHS Stores who, in turn, procure the same from the open market.

(d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

[Translation]

Deaths Due to Malnutrition

2398. SHRI N.J. RATHWA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Commission for Woman has expressed concern over the increase in the number of infant deaths due to malnutrition in the country, particularly tribal/rural areas;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the remedial steps being taken or proposal to be taken by the Government to check the number of infant deaths due to malnutrition?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The National Nutrition Policy adopted in 1993 seeks to provide intersectional and sustainable action in agriculture, health and education for reducing malnutrition. The number of infant deaths due to malnutrition will be checked through interventions under the Integrated Child Development Services, Balwadi Nutrition Programme and Mid-day Meal and the Child Survival and Safe Motherhood Programmes under implementation. Micro nutrient dificiencies of iron, iodine and Vitamin-A which are being prevented and treated through iodisation of salt, supply of iron and folic acid tablets and Vitamin A solution will also contribute to the reduction in malnutrition related deaths.

Conference on Cancer Treatment

2399. KUMARI UMA BHARATI :
SHRI SATYA DEO SINGH :
DR. RAMAKRISHNA KUSMARIA :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that the doctors participating in the conference on Cancer